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[Project No. 3011-016]

Notice of Intent to File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document, and Approving Use of the Traditional Licensing Process; Natco Products Corporation

- a. Type of Filing: Notice of Intent to File License Application and Request to Use the Traditional Licensing Process
- b. Project No.: 3011-016
- c. Date Filed: December 29, 2017
- d. Submitted By: Natco Products Corporation (Natco)
- e. Name of Project: Arctic Project
- f. Location: On the South Branch Pawtuxet River in West Warwick, Kent County, Rhode Island. No federal lands are occupied by the project works or located within the project boundary.
- g. Filed Pursuant to: 18 CFR 5.3 and 5.5 of the Commission's regulations
- h. Potential Applicant Contact: Steve Burke, Natco Products Corporation, 155 Brookside Avenue, West Warwick, RI 02893; (401) 828-0300; e-mail at sburke@natcohome.com
- i. FERC Contact: John Ramer at (202) 502-8969; or e-mail at john.ramer@ferc.gov
- j. Natco filed its request to use the Traditional Licensing Process on December 29, 2017, and provided public notice of the request on the same date. In a letter dated February 13, 2018, the Director of the Division of Hydropower Licensing approved Natco's request to use the Traditional Licensing Process.
- k. With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and NOAA Fisheries under section 7 of the Endangered Species

Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR Part 402; and NOAA Fisheries under section 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and implementing regulations at 50 CFR 600.920. We are also initiating consultation with the Rhode Island State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.2.

- 1. Natco filed a Pre-Application Document (PAD; including a proposed process plan and schedule) with the Commission, pursuant to 18 CFR 5.6 of the Commission's regulations.
- m. A copy of the PAD is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's website (http://www.ferc.gov), using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in paragraph h.
- n. The licensee states its unequivocal intent to submit an application for a subsequent license for Project No. 3011. Pursuant to 18 CFR 16.20, each application for a subsequent license and any competing license applications must be filed with the Commission at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the existing license. All applications for license for this project must be filed by December 31, 2020.
- o. Register online at http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp to be notified via e-mail of new filing and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: February 13, 2018

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary.

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